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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6988

BILL NUMBER: HB 1475

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hospital Employee Influenza Immunization.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown T

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
☒ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires hospitals to annually administer, or make available to be administered, immunizations against the influenza virus to hospital employees who have direct contact with patients. The bill provides that immunizations are not required if there is an inadequate supply of the vaccine. It also provides specific reasons that allow for employee exemptions from the immunization requirement.

The bill allows the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to adopt rules to administer the immunization requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. There are no data available to determine the number of hospital employees that currently receive annual influenza immunizations or how the immunizations are paid for. There is a potential for the costs of compliance for the facilities to be passed through to the Medicaid reimbursement rate, although the rate-setting methodology would delay any potential impact on the Medicaid program.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) may also need to revise existing administrative rules or inspection protocols. This activity is considered to be administrative in nature and achievable within the existing level of resources available to the ISDH. Additional tasks that might be required of state licensing inspectors as a result of the provisions of the bill would depend on the documentation requirements specified.

The provisions of this bill would apply to employees of hospital facilities that have direct patient contact. The number of persons with direct patient contact employed by these facilities is not known at this time. The

ISDH does not collect data on the number of employees in facilities. Additionally, there are no data available on the number of employed persons with direct patient contact that currently receive routine influenza immunizations. The provisions of the bill would not cover volunteers or pool or temporary staff provided by temporary staffing agencies. Influenza vaccine can be purchased through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at a cost range per dose of \$7.83 to \$19.70 for private purchasers. Public purchasers can acquire the vaccine at a cost range of \$6.70 to \$15.70 per dose.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures* as it applies to local government-owned hospitals.

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State Agencies Affected: ISDH.

Local Agencies Affected: Local government-owned hospitals.

Information Sources: ISDH; CDC Vaccine Price List at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/cdc-vac-price-list.htm>.

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